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SUBJ: REPORTED MIR TERRORIST RESURGENCE IN HONOR OF THE CUBAN
JULY 26 HOLIDAY

1. SUMMARY: DURING THE PAST SEVEN DAYS, THE PRESS HAS REPORTED FOUR INCIDENTS ALLEGEDLY LINKED TO THE CHILEAN TERRORIST GROUP, THE LEFTIST REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT (MIR). AFTER EACH INCIDENT THE POLICE REPORTEDLY FOUND SCATTERED LARGE NUMBERS OF MIR PROPAGANDA PAMPHLETS. THE INCIDENTS INCLUDED AN ATTACK ON A BUS, A PRIVATE HOME ROBBERY AND TWO BOMBS. NO ARRESTS HAVE BEEN MADE. WE CAN NOT RULE OUT THE INVOLVEMENT OF CHILEAN SECURITY FORCES. END SUMMARY.

2. AT 5:30 IN THE MORNING OF JULY 26, THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE BEGINNING OF CUBAN LEADER FIDEL CASTRO'S SUCCESSFUL FIGHT TO CONTROL CUBA, A GROUP OF SEVEN INDIVIDUALS ATTACHED AND HIJACKED A CITY BUS. NO ONE WAS INJURED. THE BUS WAS LATER FOUND PAINTED WITH SLOGANS REFERRING TO THE CUBAN REVOLUTION AND SIGNED BY THE MIR. AT
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SEVEN O'CLOCK THE SAME DAY, THE POLICE FOUND AND DISARMED A SMALL BOMB LOCATED IN THE SAN PABLO SUBSTATION OF THE SANTIAGO SUBWAY. THE BOMB WAS FOUND IN A SHOEBOX WRAPPED IN MIR PROPAGANDA MATERIAL. ACCORDING TO WITNESSES, SIX MEN AND A WOMAN LEFT THE BOMB IN THE SUBWAY STATION. NO ONE WAS INJURED.

3. ON JULY 31 ABOUT MIDNIGHT, THE PRESS REPORTED THAT A STATE AIRLINE OFFICIAL WAS ROBBED AT GUNPOINT IN THE HOUSE OF HIS UNCLE. THE THREE THIEVES TOOK 150 DOLLARS FROM THE OFFICIAL AND DEPARTED WITHOUT FURTHER INCIDENT, LEAVING BEHIND MIR PAMPHLETS REFERRING TO THE CUBAN JULY 26 HOLIDAY.

4. ON AUGUST 2, A SMALL NOISE BOMB EXPLODED IN THE CENTER OF THE CITY AND THE GOVERNMENT NEWSPAPER "EL CRONISTA" REPORTED THAT THE POLICE FOUND SEVERAL MIR PAMPHLETS IN THE AREA REFERRING TO THE JULY 26 CUBAN HOLIDAY. THE SAME STORY CARRIED BY "LA TERCERA" ALSO MADE MENTION OF THE PRESENCE OF THE MIR LITERATURE IN THIS CASE AND, ADDITIONALLY, IN TWO REPORTED BOMB SCARES IN LOCAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

5. IN A MORE PACIFIC VEIN, CONSERVATIVE DAILY "EL MERCURIO" REPORTED AUGUST 2 THAT A CLANDESTINE MIR PUBLICATION, "EL REBELDE" HAS COME OUT IN SUPPORT OF THE COORDINADORA NACIONAL SINDICAL (SANTIAGO 4956) HEADED BY MANUEL BUSTOS. THE MIR PUBLICATION REPORTEDLY DESCRIBES AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COMMUNIST PARTY AND THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY (PDC) TO PRESENT A COMMON LABOR FRONT. ACCORDING TO "EL REBELDE", THE COORDINADORA IS TO FORM THE BASIS OF A NEW CHILEAN LABOR CENTRAL ALONG THE LINES OF THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DEFUNCT CENTRAL UNICO DE TRABAJADORES (CUT). THE STORY DOES NOT NAME ANY OF THE COMMUNISTS WHO SUPPOSEDLY WERE PART OF THIS AGREEMENT BUT NOTES THAT JUAN MANUEL SEPULVEDA, HERNAN MERY AND MANUEL BUSTOS (ALL RECENTLY EXPELLED OR SUSPENDED FROM THE DEMOCRATIC GROUP OF TEN) WERE THE PDCERS INVOLVED.

6. COMMENT: FROM TIME-TO-TIME IN PAST GOC SECURITY FORCES HAVE APPARENTLY STAGED BOMBINGS AND SIMILAR INCIDENTS TO REMIND THEOPOULACE THAT THEY SERVE A STILL NECESSARY FUNCTION. ON THE OTHER HAND THE MIR DOES CONTINUE TO EXIST IN CHILE, AND IS CAPABLE EVEN UNDER PRESENT REDUCED CIRCUMSTANCES OF PERPETRATING THE INCIDENTS REPORTED. FOR THE MOMENT, CULPABILITY IS AN OPEN QUESTION.
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